

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES –Fisheries Department – Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Katrenikona, presently working as Fisheries Development Officer, Fishing Harbour, Kakinada, East Godavari district - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (Dy&Vig(2)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 140

Dated:26.05.2015

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**ORDER**

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Katrenikona, presently working as Fisheries Development Officer, Fishing Harbour, Kakinada, East Godavari district, in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substances of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II).

3. Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Katrenikona, presently working as Fisheries Development Officer, Fishing Harbour, Kakinada, East Godavari district is directed to submit a written statement of defense within 10 days of the receipt of this order and also to state whether he desired to be heard in person.

4. Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Katrenikona, presently working as Fisheries Development Officer, Fishing Harbour, Kakinada, East Godavari district is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Katrenikona, presently working as Fisheries Development Officer, Fishing Harbour, Kakinada, East Godavari district is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para-3 above further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Katrenikona, presently working as Fisheries Development Officer, Fishing Harbour, Kakinada, East Godavari district is invited to rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Katrenikona, presently working as Fisheries Development Officer, Fishing Harbour, Kakinada, East Godavari district, is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. MANMOHAN SINGH  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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To  
Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer,  
Katrenikona, presently working as Fisheries Development Officer,  
Fishing Harbour, Kakinada, East Godavari district through the  
Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad.  
The Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad.  
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## **ANNEXURE-I**

### **STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. VENKATESWARA RAO, THE THEN FISHERIES DEV. OFFICER, KATRENIKONA, PRESENTLY WORKING AS FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, FISHING HARBOUR, KAKINADA.**

**CHARGE-1:** "THAT SRI K. VENKATESWARA RAO, THE THEN FDO, KATRENIKONA, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT FORWARDED THE LIST OF 42 BENEFICIARIES PREPARED BY THE BOAT ENGINE DEALER, SRI R.VEERARAJU, WITHOUT CONDUCTING ANY GRAMA SABHA. FINALLY UNITS WERE NOT DISTRIBUTED ON SUBSIDY TO ANYONE."

**CHARGE -2:** "THAT SRI K. VENKATESWARA RAO, THE THEN FDO, KATRENIKONA, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT OBTAINED FALSE SALE BILLS AND RECORDS FROM M/S OM SAI RAM MARINE ENTERPRISES, KAKINADA FOR 35 IBMS @ RS.44,000/- AND MADE ENTRIES IN THE STOCK REGISTER AS THE BOAT ENGINES ARE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED TO 35 BENEFICIARIES OF BALUSUTIPPA, H/O BRAHMASAMEDHYAM (V), KATRENIKONA MANDAL OF EAST GODAVARI DIST."

**CHARGE -3:** "THAT SRI K. VENKATESWARA RAO, THE THEN FDO, KATRENIKONA, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT ON 10.4.2013, ORGANIZED FUNCTION WITH THE HELP OF EX-SARPANCH IN BALUSUTIPPA VILLAGE, TAKEN PHOTOS & RECEIPTS FROM 35 BENEFICIARIES WHO WERE HANDED OVER THE BOAT ENGINES TO THEM WITHOUT ACTUALLY DISTRIBUTING ON A FALSE PROMISE AS IT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED LATER AND ALSO OBTAINED SIGNATURES OF THE BENEFICIARIES AND COUNTER SIGNATURE OF THE LOCAL MLA".

**CHARGE-4:** "THAT SRI K. VENKATESWARA RAO, THE THEN FDO, KATRENIKONA, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT ACCEPTED RS.1,05,000/- ILLEGAL GRATIFICATION TOWARDS ACCEPTING FALSE BILLS AND SANCTION OF SUBSIDY OF RS.7,70,000/- FOR 35 IBMS FROM THE DEALER SRI R.VEERARAJU, OF M/S OM SAI RAM MARINE ENTERPRISES, KAKINADA."

**CHARGE -5:** "THAT SRI K. VENKATESWARA RAO, THE THEN FDO, KATRENIKONA, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT CAUSED FOR MISAPPROPRIATION OF GOVT. SUBSIDY OF RS.7,70,000/- AS SANCTIONED FOR GROUNDING OF 35 IN BOARD MACHINES (IBMS) TO FISHERMEN OF BALUSUTIPPA VILLAGE AND MADE THEM INELIGIBLE FOR CLAIMING SUBSIDY ON IBMS IN FUTURE".

**Basis:** The Department of Fisheries, Government of AP has been implementing the scheme called as "Motorization of Traditional Fishing Crafts" under Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which In Board Machines / Out Board Motors are being supplied to the eligible Marine Fishermen with 50% subsidy limiting to Rs.30,000/- per in Board Machine / Out Board Motors. With the Motorization of Traditional Crafts, the Fishermen could able to venture into offshore fishing area and spend more time for fishing.

During the year 2011 -12, the Commissioner of Fisheries, Govt. of AP, Hyderabad has issued instructions to all the District Fisheries Officers vide Memo.No.216/J2/2011, dt.17.06.2011 for implementation of the scheme, Motorisation of Traditional Crafts under RKVY Scheme and sanctioned Rs.44.81 lakhs. Under the scheme, Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada, E.G. District had received Rs.9.24 lakhs vide D.D.No.997011, dt.15.06.2011 vide Memo.No.216/J2/2011, dt.17.06.2011. During the course of enquiry, the V& E officials have examined and recorded the statements of the petitioner and other listed beneficiaries and other relevant persons acquainted with the facts of the case.

The V& E in their report concluded that Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then FDO, Katrenikona (M) without conducting any Grama Sabha has obtained a list of 42 beneficiaries from Sri R. Veerraju, boat engineers dealer representing, M/s. Om Sai Ram Marine Enterprises, Kakinada and submitted the list of he Dy. Director, Kakinada through Asst. Director of Fisheries, Amalapuram who in turn got the list approved for 42 beneficiaries by the District Collector, E.G. District. Thus, the then FDO failed to comply with the guidelines during identification of the beneficiaries. Finally, the the Dy. Director, Kakinada approved only 35 beneficiaries, out of the approved list of 42 beneficiaries and sanctioned the subsidy. Thus, this charge-1.

Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Katrenikonda (M) in collusion with Sri I. Srinivasa Rao, ex- Sarpanch, Balusuthipa (V) obtained fake sales bills from the Boat Engine Dealer, Sri R. Veeraju, arranged a meeting on 10.04.2012 at Baluthippa (V) taken photos, signature of the beneficiaries in presence of village elders and local MLA by displaying the 5 engines brought by the dealer for record purpose to show that the scheme has been implemented as per the guidelines. Thus, this charge-2.

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On 10.04.2012, arranged a meeting for distributing the units. The dealer has brought only 5 boat Engines. One boat Engine was given to Sri Oleti Adinarayana, in the function, who has paid Rs.20,000/- to dealer. With the remaining 4 boat engines, the officials, Ex-Sarpanch and others have taken photographs of the beneficiaries for the purpose of false documentation. Later, the officials have obtained signatures/ thumb impressions of the 35 beneficiaries to show that they have distributed the boat engines in the function. Further, they obtained countersignatures of Ex-Sarpanches, on the same day. Next day ie., on 11.04.2012, the officials obtained the countersignature of the local MLA, Sri Ponnada Venkata Satish Kumar. In order to show that the scheme has been implemented as per the guidelines, Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Katrenikona (M) has fabricated the record to show that boat engines have been distributed to beneficiaries without giving even single boat engine to beneficiaries. Thus, this charge-3.

The then Dy. Director of Fisheries has released the subsidy amount of Rs.7,70,000/- and directed the Bank official to release the subsidy amount together with the loan portion to the dealer. But, it is pertinent to mention here that the Bank official have paid only the subsidy amount of Rs.7,23,000/- to the Dealer, Sri R. Veerraju, after deducting Rs.38,000/- as loan interest of 35 listed beneficiaries @ 1078/- per beneficiary instead of returning the subsidy to the Fisheries Dept., as by that time the bank loan accounts of the beneficiaries were already closed. It is stated by the dealer that from the received amount Rs.7,32,000/- , he gave Rs.1,05,000/- to the then FDO, Katrenikona (M) Sri K. Venkateswara Rao and discreet enquiries revealed that some amount was also given to officials of Fisheries Department. Thus, this charge-4.

In implementing the scheme, none of the 35 fishermen received 5 boat engines on subsidy. But subsidy amount was sanctioned on their names and was siphoned off by the dealer and officials of fisheries department. As a result, all 35 fishermen became ineligible to claim subsidy in future under centrally sponsored scheme "Motorization of Traditional Crafts". Thus, this charge-5.

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#### **ANNEXURE-II**

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.VENKATESWARA RAO, THE THEN FISHERIES DEV. OFFICER, KATRENIKONA, PRESENTLY WORKING AS FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, FISHING HARBOUR, KAKINADA IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.**

From the G.A(V&E)Dept., Vigilance Report No.26, Dt.04.12.2013.

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